

[18th August 1925]

IV—ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE ADJOURNMENT MOTION—*cont.*

* The hon. the President:—“If hon. Members want to continue the debate, they will have to do it after lunch.

“Before we adjourn for lunch, I have to inform the House that the motion for the adjournment of the House moved by the hon. Member, Mr. O. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar, has been disallowed by His Excellency the Governor under rule 23 (2) of the Legislative Council Rules as not being primarily the concern of the Local Government.”

The House then (1-35 p.m.) adjourned for lunch to meet again at 2-30 p.m.

After Lunch (2-35 p.m.).

XII—DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1925-26—*cont.*Grant XVII (i)—*cont.*

* The hon. the President:—“If the hon. Member from Coimbatore does not propose to continue his speech, I will ask the hon. the Minister for Education to reply.”

* Mr. V. C. VELLINGIRI GOUNDER:—“I have not finished my remarks, Sir. May I finish the speech?”

* The hon. the President:—“The demand has been discussed for a long time and if the hon. Member wishes to wind up in a sentence or two, he can do so.”

* Mr. V. C. VELLINGIRI GOUNDER:—“I only want to say this. We should not think that we have effected great advancement in education by finding more money and establishing more schools. What I would urge is that the quality of education must be improved along with the number of schools and the large amount of money we are spending on them. By giving grants according to the results of the schools, we will be inducing the teachers to work hard and earn very much more. But if the grants are given on mere recommendations of certain authorities, it will all depend on favouritism or otherwise of the inspecting authorities who recommend these grants. We know in what way these grants are distributed and there are so many difficulties and hardships experienced by teachers, by our not giving proportionate benefit as between the teacher who works hard and the one who simply marks time. I therefore appeal to the hon. the Minister for Education that along with his taking credit for spending large amounts for primary education and multiplying the number of schools that he would be kind enough to see that the quality of education is improved by resorting to the former method of giving grants according to the results of the schools.”

Mr. P. ANJANBYULU:—“Mr. President, I want to add only one word in regard to this matter. I feel gratified that we have been able to secure some funds for the expansion of elementary education. But I feel disheartened when, at any rate in the mufassal, we find that the sort of education that is available now is not the sort of education that we want. I am disposed to feel that much of this money is practically wasted in the so-called elementary education and the increase of the number of schools. For one thing the